

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Stapleford Community Primary School
Number of pupils in school	189
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	18.5%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2024/2025
Date this statement was published	November 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	November 2025
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Governor / Trustee lead	Jenny Wye

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£34,040
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£34,040

Statement of intent

At Stapleford Community Primary School, we are passionate about education. We are ambitious for our pupils and want the best for every child. Our staff work hard to ensure the school is a vibrant and innovative place, where pupils demonstrate a thirst for learning, where curiosity is nurtured and excellence is expected in a caring, supportive and stimulating environment. Our school vision 'CARE' encourages learners to be curious, ambitious, resilient and to demonstrate excellence.

Our pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium Funding face specific barriers to reaching their full potential and, at Stapleford, we are determined to provide the support and guidance they need to help them overcome these barriers.

Our aim is to use the pupil premium funding to provide additional support to counter disadvantage and to ensure greater equity through:

1. Ensuring and supporting great teaching
2. Providing targeted academic interventions
3. Using a wider range of strategies to overcome barriers to learning

Ensuring and supporting great teaching

We recognise the importance of ensuring all pupils, whatever their background or circumstances, are provided with an education of the highest quality. This will ensure that all our pupils are equipped with the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in, and beyond, school. Strategies to close achievement gaps between groups and individuals are an integral part of every lesson and evident across the curriculum.

Within the classroom there is a clear focus on well planned and adaptive lessons that challenge and stretch all pupils. A programme of training supports staff to continually expand and develop a full range of teaching strategies and techniques to ensure the achievement gap is closed rapidly through the use of timely and appropriate interventions.

This will include:

- extensive gap analysis used to further inform teaching
- 1:1 and small group support within the class
- Teaching Assistant support in class
- the employment of specialist teachers
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for staff and collaborative practice, including coaching, team teaching, modelled lessons and best practice visits

Providing targeted academic interventions

For some children, high quality teaching in itself may not be enough and there is a need for additional, time-limited provision outside of normal classroom activities. There is extensive evidence supporting the impact of high quality one-to-one and small group tuition as a catch-up strategy. Evidence from research shows that such programmes are likely to have the greatest impact where they meet a specific need, include regular sessions maintained over a sustained period and are carefully timetabled to enable consistent delivery. Effective interventions follow assessment, which can then be used to ensure that support is well-targeted and to monitor pupil progress.

This will include:

- 1:1 / small groups in English and maths
- additional learning time
- additional phonics
- speech and language support
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) / English as an additional language (EAL) support groups

Using a wider range of strategies to overcome barriers to learning

In addition to the strategies above, a range of other strategies can contribute to children's success in school, such as improving attendance, supporting positive behaviour, social and emotional skills and building parental engagement.

At Stapleford we will provide

- a focus on improving attendance
- curriculum enrichment opportunities
- support for wellbeing and mental health
- activities to increase parental engagement to ensure there is equity for all pupils

Challenges

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Low attainment and slow progress rates made by pupil premium/disadvantaged children. The children have gaps and misconceptions and find it difficult to retain/recall prior knowledge. This is particularly evident in core subjects. Our pupil premium children as a group are not making as rapid progress in their learning as non-pupil premium children.
2	Lack of parental engagement – Some families face challenges in supporting their child's education due to limited time, resources, or awareness of how to support their child's learning.
3	Lack of cultural capital and experiences - many of our pupil premium children do not have as rich and varied experiences as non-pupil premium children seem to have, meaning knowledge of the world and vocabulary acquisition is limited.
4	Weak Communication Skills - Speech and Language needs Assessments, observations, and discussions with pupils indicate underdeveloped oral language skills and vocabulary gaps among many disadvantaged pupils. These are evident from Reception through to KS2 and in general, are more prevalent among our disadvantaged pupils than their peers.

5	Attendance and punctuality issues – Pupils may have irregular attendance or come from households where regular attendance is not prioritised.
6	<p>Significant social and emotional difficulties including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● trauma ● low self esteem ● anxiety ● behavioural issues leading to risk of exclusion ● time out of education ● low aspirations ● fixed mindset <p>Some of the children will experience some of the above because of more frequent school moves due to social housing needs. The children are not appropriately prepared for these big changes in their lives. This has also led to gaps in their schooling.</p>
7	SEND - in some cases complex SEND; 45.7% of our children who receive pupil premium funding are also on the SEND register.

Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Gaps in the pupil's learning are identified and support is put in place to fill these gaps. Pupils make accelerated progress towards their individual targets or age related expectations, whichever is more appropriate for each child.	Assessments show this accelerated progress.
Intensive home school links are provided by Stapleford staff to support pupils and/or parents, identified by school as vulnerable or in need.	Parents indicate there are strong links between home and school and support is received for a wide range of needs.
Increase overlearning and reinforcement in reading and maths at home and school. Increased opportunities for writing for purpose at home and school	Increase in reading ages, maths fluency and writing progress for PP pupils
Pupils access a wide range of enrichment experiences both in and out of school.	<p>Pupil surveys reflect enjoyment in school and improved attitudes to learning.</p> <p>Social skills, independence, perseverance and teamwork are developed.</p>

Improved oral language skills and vocabulary among disadvantaged pupils.	Assessments and observations indicate significantly improved oral language among disadvantaged pupils. This is evident when triangulated with other sources of evidence, including engagement in lessons, book scrutiny and ongoing formative assessment.
PP attendance is regularly monitored, support is put in place when needed and attendance increases.	Attendance analysis demonstrates that identified PP pupil's attendance increases and the gap between PP and non PP narrows.
Social and Emotional difficulties are identified and individualised support is put in place.	Children are provided with pastoral care, guidance and support to raise self-esteem and develop skills of resilience, independence and perseverance. Behaviour logs show that incidents are reduced in school.
Children are provided with support to meet their SEND needs. These may be classroom strategies, 1-2-1 support or specific interventions.	As their SEND needs are being addressed, PP pupils make expected progress or exceed their individual targets set in R,W,M.

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £3,600

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Curriculum Design <i>CPD to improve teaching pedagogy through use of WalkThrus</i>	Evidence indicates that high quality teaching is the most powerful way for schools to improve pupil attainment, particularly for socio-economically disadvantaged students. Schools should focus on building teacher knowledge and pedagogical expertise, curriculum development, and the purposeful use of assessment. This could include the selection of high quality curriculum materials or investment in the use of standardised assessments.	1,4, 7

<p>Pupil Progress Meetings - approximately 45mins per class. Cover costs - £300</p>	<p>EEF Report Pupil-Premium-2023.pdf (d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net) recommends gaining a thorough knowledge of your disadvantaged pupils' levels of attainment and regular pupil progress meetings to discuss the attainment of this group and what their next steps need to be, form a part of this process.</p>	<p>1, 7</p>
<p>Embedding and monitoring Inclusive Classroom Training and approach</p>	<p>The first recommendation of the EEF report EEF Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools Guidance Report.pdf (d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net) : Create a positive and supportive environment for all pupils, without exception. An inclusive school removes barriers to learning and participation, provides an education that is appropriate to pupils' needs, and promotes high standards and the fulfilment of potential for all pupils.</p>	<p>1, 7</p>
<p>John Kane: Coaching Training -2 additional members of SL released (Maths/English leaders) to attend training - £1700 -Implementation of this approach by 4 trained members of staff.</p>	<p>The National Institute of Teaching's Mentoring and Coaching of Teachers research report gives an overview of the research underpinning mentoring and coaching. NIOT mentoring and coaching - Key Takeaways.pdf</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>CPD: Improving writing – The Write Stuff Approach Subject leader release time to prepare resources, complete further training - £300 Implementation of this approach via team teaching, coaching and monitoring - SL time - £600</p>	<p>Data and writing evidence shows that children's writing needs additional input. Proven practice method recommended by other schools in the Trust. Recommendations from EEF guidance reports – Improving Literacy KS1 https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1 KS2 https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2</p>	<p>1, 4, 7</p>
<p>CPD: Recovery through Relationships</p>	<p>'Rising numbers of children are presenting with mental health difficulties in schools and current teaching environments are struggling to keep</p>	<p>1, 6, 7</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trauma informed Training -CPD is free -Cover costs and additional hours for staff to attend training - £400 	<p>up. Many children have a high ACE score (meaning multiple adverse childhood experiences) known to leave children at risk of mental and physical ill-health later in life and even early death' (The ACE study Felitti and Anda, a study involving over 17,000 people)</p> <p>A high proportion of our children in receipt of pupil premium have experienced multiple ACES.</p>	
<p>Continued whole school focus on developing vocabulary/oracy</p> <p>Resources to support this</p> <p>English SL monitoring</p> <p>£300</p>	<p>Research from Oxford University Press on the 'Why Closing the Word Gap Matters: Oxford Language Report' charts a survey of 1300 teachers and their perspectives on vocabulary and language in schools. The research reveals how teachers see vocabulary as a vital issue for their pupils.</p> <p>http://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/oxed/Oxford-Language-Report.PDF?region=uk</p>	<p>1, 4, 7</p>

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £24,150

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>TA support allocated to provision to support children with particularly high SEND needs. TA support used for working 1-2-1, delivering interventions or providing group nurture provision</p> <p>£12,700</p>	<p>Research which focuses on teaching assistants who provide one to one or small group targeted interventions shows a stronger positive benefit of between four and six additional months on average.</p>	<p>1, 4, 6, 7</p>
<p>Rockerbox News - Multi-award-winning non-fiction reading platforms have been shaped by extensive school-based research to equip schools, educators,</p>	<p>The average impact of reading comprehension strategies is an additional six months' progress over the course of a year. Successful reading comprehension approaches allow activities to be carefully tailored to pupils' reading capabilities, and involve activities and texts that provide an effective, but not overwhelming, challenge.</p>	<p>1, 2, 4, 7,</p>

and parents with resources that change lives. £300	Reading comprehension strategies EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	
Embed the Tagtiv8 approaches and ideas help develop unique and innovative ways to combine English, Mathematics and other subjects with Physical Activity. £1000	Research by Leeds Beckett University demonstrates that this Physically Active Learning (PAL) approach tackles inactivity levels – and impacts positively on academic performance.	1, 7
Little Wandle Phonic keep up/rapid catch up and SEND interventions - Additional phonics sessions targeted at disadvantaged pupils who require further support. £750	Phonics approaches have a strong evidence base indicating a positive impact on pupils, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. Targeted phonics interventions have been shown to be more effective when delivered as regular sessions over a period up to 12 weeks: EEF - https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/phonics	1, 7
Pre-teaching of vocabulary – Tier 2. Cross curricular support TA support £3000	Research from Oxford University Press on the ‘ Why Closing the Word Gap Matters: Oxford Language Report ’ charts a survey of 1300 teachers and their perspectives on vocabulary and language in schools. The research reveals how teachers see vocabulary as a vital issue for their pupils. http://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/oxed/Oxford-Language-Report.PDF?region=uk	1, 4, 7
Daily practice of maths fluency skills 1-2-1 - 10 minutes daily with each child CT/TA time £3000	The impact of mastery learning approaches is an additional five months progress, on average, over the course of a year. This is particularly evident in maths learning. Fluency is one element of our maths approach. EEF Toolkit https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/mastery-learning EEF guidance report – Improving mathematics in KS2 & 3, particularly recommendation 4 https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/maths-ks-2-3	1, 7
Daily reading 1-2-1 10 minutes daily with each child	Many of our children who receive PP funding do not have books and/or read regularly at	1, 7

<p>CT/TA time £3000</p>	<p>home. These EEF guidance reports reflect the importance of regular reading.</p> <p>EEF guidance report – Preparing for Literacy https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-early-years</p> <p>EEF guidance report – improving literacy in Key Stage 1 https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1</p> <p>EEF guidance report – improving literacy in Key Stage 2 https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks2</p>	
<p>Spirals Intervention – Social Emotional Communication Skills</p> <p>TA delivering intervention</p> <p>£400</p>	<p>The average impact of successful Social Emotional Learning (SEL) interventions is an additional four months’ progress over the course of a year. Alongside academic outcomes, SEL interventions have an identifiable and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school.</p> <p>EEF Toolkit https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning</p>	<p>4, 7</p>

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £6,123.26

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>‘Small Grains’ Stapleford Granary Education Pilot</p>	<p>Overall, the average impact of arts participation on other areas of academic learning appears to be positive but moderate, about an additional three months progress.</p> <p>Improved outcomes have been identified in English, mathematics and science.</p> <p>Arts participation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1, 3, 4</p>
<p>Enhanced SEND leadership capacity to drive APDR cycle</p>	<p>The SEND Code of Practice recommends what is referred to as the graduated approach which has four stages of action : Assess; Plan;</p>	<p>1, 7</p>

£5473.26	Do; Review SEND code of practice: 0 to 25 years - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	
Forest School	<p>The recommendations outlined below are based on the two phases of evaluation and the findings of previous evaluations (Massey, 2004; Davis and Waite, 2005).</p> <p><i>“Forest School benefits many children and should be used on a wider basis as a vital part of children’s outdoor learning experience, and to provide many more children with the opportunity to experience this as part of their overall education.”</i></p> <p>30357 Pages (forestresearch.gov.uk)</p>	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
ELSA support provided by trained TA	<p>The average impact of successful Social Emotional Learning interventions is an additional four months’ progress over the course of a year. Alongside academic outcomes, SEL interventions have an identifiable and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school.</p> <p>EEF Toolkit</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning</p>	6
Zones of regulation intervention	<p>The average impact of successful Social Emotional Learning interventions is an additional four months’ progress over the course of a year. Alongside academic outcomes, SEL interventions have an identifiable and valuable impact on attitudes to learning and social relationships in school.</p> <p>EEF Toolkit</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning</p>	6
<p>CTT approach refresher training to staff</p> <p>Curriculum, Pedagogy & Practice (including EYFS Areas of Learning & Development) - Understanding Children's Behaviours and</p>	<p>Angela Wadham, an experienced professional in the field of child behaviour, developed the Cambridgeshire Therapeutic Thinking approach. We have been implementing this highly successful approach to behaviour for the last 4 years and wish to continue to build on this success</p> <p>EEF Guidance Report – improving behaviour in schools</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/behaviour</p>	6

Interactions Training Overtime paid for TA team - 3 hours each. £750		
Rigorous attendance monitoring, support, including attendance support plans	The DfE guidance Improving School Attendance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.	5
Extended school hours – breakfast and after school club to enable parents to work and to improve attendance.	The DfE guidance Improving School Attendance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced levels of absence and persistent absence.	2, 5, 6
Cultural capital experiences promoted in the curriculum – one example of this is by participating in educational visits. These visits are reduced in cost for PPF children.	The Cultural Learning Alliance highlights work which champions the importance of transferred cultural capital in enabling children to be successful in school and life. PPF/ disadvantaged pupils may have less opportunity to build cultural capital – this in turn impacts on their attainment Sutton Trust Report – Parent Power https://www.suttontrust.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Parent-Power-2018.pdf	3
Residential trip cost is greatly reduced for PP Majority of costs applied for from local charities Cost of transport	DFE guidance of PPF expenditure gives the example of using it to support children to access activities like residential visits. Residential trips offer opportunities for raising children’s cultural capital as well as their self-esteem, fixed mind-sets and aspirations. Discussion of benefits in EEF toolkit – outdoor adventure learning https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/outdoor-adventure-learning	3, 6
1-2-1 Music lessons – another form of cultural capital	Overall, the average impact of arts participation on other areas of academic learning appears to be positive but moderate, about an additional three months progress.	1, 3, 6

	<p>Improved outcomes have been identified in English, mathematics and science.</p> <p>Wider benefits such as more positive attitudes to learning and increased well-being have also consistently been reported</p> <p>EEF Toolkit – https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation</p>	
<p>Review current parental engagement in the parents of pupils in receipt of PPF.</p> <p>Tailor school communications - ensure they are read or communicated verbally for particular parents.</p> <p>Provide more sustained and intensive support if needed.</p>	<p>Despite school staff having developed good relationships with the majority of this group of parents, there is still a significant need to support engagement in their children’s learning.</p> <p>EEF toolkit</p> <p>The average impact of the Parental engagement approaches is about an additional four months’ progress over the course of a year. There are also higher impacts for pupils with low prior attainment.</p> <p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement</p> <p>EEF guidance report - parental engagement https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/supporting-parents</p>	2

Total budgeted cost: £33,873.26

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

End of FS Assessments - 2023-2024

	National (FFT)	Cohort	PPG
GLD		65%	50%

Phonics Screening Check 2024

	National (FFT)	School	PPG
Year 1 Achieving		83%	0%
Year 2 Achieving		100%	100%

End of KS1 Assessments - 2023-2024

	School	PPG
Expected Standard		
Reading	83%	100%
Writing	72%	50%
Maths	100%	100%
R, W, M Combined	72%	50%
Greater Depth		
Reading	44%	0%
Writing	6%	0%
Maths	28%	13%
R, W, M Combined	6%	0%

End of KS2 Assessments - 2023-2024

	National	School	PPG
Expected Standard			
Reading	73%	93%	100%
Writing	72%	57%	0%
GPS	72%	83%	75%
Maths	73%	87%	50%
R, W, M Combined	61%	57%	0%
Greater Depth			
Reading	28%	47%	0%
Writing	12%	0%	0%
GPS	31%	53%	0%
Maths	23%	33%	0%
R, W, M Combined	7%	0%	0%

Analysis of Results

It is clear from these results that children in receipt of pupil premium funding are not yet achieving at the same level as those without this funding and this is particularly evident in the writing data and greater depth across all subjects. However within these results there are children who made accelerated progress to either meet the expected standard or to exceed it. The children with SEND needs have made steps towards their individual targets.

We are extremely pleased with the Year 2 Phonics data. This was the first cohort to have experienced the Little Wandle Approach to phonics and early reading since they started Reception.

The children in receipt of PPG also achieved brilliantly well in the KS2 Reading SAT with 100% achieving the expected standard.

It is important to remember when looking at our data that in most classes our PPG is a small group, sometimes one or two pupils.

In the summer term 2024 we celebrated a number of our children playing their musical instruments with confidence in whole school assemblies. Other children took on challenging roles in an end of year play.

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
GL Assessments	GL Assessment - A Renaissance Company
Times Table Rockstars	Maths Circle Ltd
Mathletics	3P learning
Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised	Little Wandle Trust
Rockerbox News	My Rockerbox Ltd
Tagtiv8	Tagtiv8 Ltd

Further information

In school, there are additional things all staff do to support the children and their individual needs:

- We follow the Cambridgeshire Therapeutic Thinking Approach to behaviour, 'caring' is part of our vision, and this is evident throughout the ethos of the school
- Adults make themselves available to give their time to talk and listen to the children
- Breakfast and additional snacks and milk are provided when necessary
- Early arrival at school or slightly early pick up is offered at times to support better attendance.
- Clothes/shoes/P.E. kit donated to families
- Clothes washed for children and then children changed into clean clothes when arriving at school
- Self care routines completed at school – hair brushing, teeth brushing, face washing
- Aspiration – believing in each and every child and telling them regularly
- Collection from home and walked to school in the past to support attendance